

Statement of Deficiencies

5361-A: Ensure Requirements Met

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

5361 A. The Director failed to ensure that the minimum licensing requirements were met. (COMMENT: PRESCHOOL IS ONLY OPENED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR; LAST FULL DAY OF CLASSES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS 5/19/05.)

5363-B: Transportation Furnished by Center

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

* **New** - 5363 B.1.i. For transportation provided, the Director failed to insure that the driver checked the vehicle at the completion of each trip to ensure that no child was left on the vehicle and all children were picked up and dropped off at the correct locations. (Comment: Provider took the 3 year old classes on a field trip on 4/8/05 to the Aquariums of New Orleans. School administrator, Mr. Reggie Smith, stated that they contract with local school bus drivers to provide transportation for field trips. Mr. Smith also stated that they only take the children on one field trip per year.)

5363-C: Field Trips

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

* **New** - 5363 C. When transportation for field trips was provided by the center/ parents/or an outside source, there failed to be signed parental authorization for each child to leave the center and to be transported in the vehicle. (Comment: School administrator stated that children were taken on one field trip this school year--to Aquariums of New Orleans on 4/8/05. Teachers stated that they threw away permission slips after the field trip was completed. Permission slips must be kept on file.)

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5363-D: Transportation by Contract

Not Met

Findings/Corrections

* **New** - 5363 D. When the Provider contracted with an outside source for transportation, there failed to be an agreement on file signed and dated by the Director and a representative of the transportation agency stating that all rules for transportation shall be followed as stated in the law and the regulations as listed in regulations 5363.B.1-10, to include the following:

** When transportation is provided, the director shall insure that:

a. transportation arrangements conform to state laws; NOTE: For additional information regarding state laws, contact the Office of Public Safety.

b. at least two staff, one of whom may be the driver, shall be in each vehicle unless the vehicle has a communication device and child/staff ratio is met in the vehicle;

c. at least one staff in each vehicle shall be currently certified in CPR;

d. children are under the direct supervision of staff at all times. The driver or attendant shall not leave the children unattended in the vehicle at any time while transporting children;

e. each child shall board the vehicle from the curbside of the street and/or shall be safely escorted across the street; each child is delivered to a responsible person authorized in writing by the parent;

g. a designated staff person shall be present when the child is delivered to the center;

h. good order shall be maintained on the vehicle;

i. the driver shall check the vehicle at the completion of each trip to ensure that no child is left on the vehicle and all children were picked up and dropped off at the correct locations;

j. the vehicle shall be maintained in good repair; and

k. the use of tobacco in any form, use of alcohol and possession of illegal substances or unauthorized potentially toxic substances firearms, pellet or BB guns (loaded or unloaded) in any vehicle while transporting children is prohibited.

** Children shall not be transported in the back of a pickup truck.

** All drivers and vehicles shall be covered by liability insurance as required by law.

** The driver shall hold a valid appropriate Louisiana driver's license.

** Each driver or attendant shall be provided with a current master transportation list including each child's name, pick up and drop off locations and authorized persons to whom child may be released.

** The center shall maintain a daily transportation attendance record.

** The vehicle shall have evidence of a current safety inspection.

** There shall be first aid supplies in the vehicle, i.e. Band-Aids, peroxide, etc.

** There shall be information in each vehicle identifying the center's name, telephone number and address for emergency situations.

** A fire extinguisher shall be stored in the vehicle.